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- 25X1A 1. The [redacted] were quartered in partially destroyed barracks built by the Russian Army in 1940 -41, near the Leetse Estate. In this area reconstruction work is being carried on in the underground fortifications near the Leetse Light House. Barracks and fortifications are being constructed or reconstructed throughout the Leetse Peninsula area. These constructions are modern and have elevators, electric power, great underground corridors, and huge storage areas.

2. Shore defense guns are also being replaced in this area. These large coastal guns are mounted on disappearing platforms and are protected by thick, sliding, dome-shaped roofs of steel. The reconstruction job was a very difficult one, since the machinery had been destroyed and the guns had been blasted at the bottom of the gun pits. This damage has been repaired and new guns are now being mounted.

3. Furthermore, the informant reports that groups are working on the construction of underground fuel dumps near Paldiski. These gigantic tanks are reported to be protected by six meters of concrete at the most vulnerable points. As an additional safeguard, they have been built into the slate cliffs of the coast.

4. Facilities for rail transportation in the peninsula are also being repaired and improved. An airfield is being built near the Leetse Estate. Runways have been cut from the slate surface.

5. Estonian workers are not permitted to enter the shore-cliff area between Leetse Estate and Leetse Lighthouse. In spite of precautionary measures taken by the Russians, it is known that construction is going on of an underground hangar and an airfield. It is quite obvious that extensive excavation has been done and that an airfield is being built under the slate cliffs. Asphalt runways from the water's edge into the interior cavity under the cliffs are also being constructed. ([redacted] had been in this area during the time of the Estonian Republic and knows that the physical features would facilitate the type of construction mentioned in this vicinity.)

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